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Dear Ms. Flanagan:

This is in response to your letter received 13 April 2006 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/522,926 filed 24 January 2005. The Office records show that the "Petition to Convert" the 37 U.S.C. 371 application to a 35 U.S.C. 111(a) application was DISMISSED by an Office decision of 20 June 2005. A copy of that decision is attached herewith for applicants' convenience. The application is currently with the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office action will soon be issued. Please be notified that applicant may file the missing papers in a U.S. application without having to wait for the Notification of Missing Requirements to be issued. The submission of the missing papers will expedite the processing of the application. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Catherine Short, Manager of the U.S. Designated/Elected Office at (703) 308-9140, extension 220 or to Terry Vessels, Supervisor of Team I, at telephone number (703) 308-9140, extension 221.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
- Copy of decision of 20 June 2005